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Young Canadians are becoming more interested in politics and apparently voting more



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Cheating hits new levels



CHANTELLE DEACON photo

A class full of students studying at Langara, where incidents of cheating are expected to rise in 2016.

Colleges attempting to find ways to suppress academic misconduct

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The cut-and-paste phenomenon is really real

MAGGIE ROSS

MANAGER OF STUDENT CONDUCT AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS AT LANGARA

By BONNIE LEE LA MADELEINE

Due to a dramatic increase in cheating on campus, Langara faculty and administrators are exploring news ways to make cheating, and buying papers online less tempting.

At Langara College, the number of students reported for cheating more than doubled in 2015. About five per cent of students are thought to cheat. Maggie Ross, manager of student conduct and judicial affairs, expects incidents in 2016 to eclipse those from 2015.

“The cut-and-paste phenomenon is really real,” Ross said.

For Josué Menjivar teaching for the web and mobile app design and development program, said it’s a challenge be-

cause students exchange ID numbers and passwords to download and copy assignments.

Menjivar said he puts key parts of the course material in bold so students know what to study for exams, and do not feel they need to cheat.

“I want them to learn,” he said.

Spencer Dane, chair of business management and international business at Langara, said his program aims to help students acculturate to the program’s expectations.

“Some international students come with different expectations and cultural perspectives of how school works,” Dane said.

Kim Lam, student advisor in the computer science program, said reporting a single student consumes hours of his

time, so he changed the way he teaches and approaches cheating.

The teachers complain about how much time it takes to report students but they still do it, Ross said.

“It’s all our reputations at stake if we don’t address, and we’re not seen to be addressing, it,” she said. “If Langara became known as a college of cheaters, what does that do to your credentials?”

Over at UBC, where they are also dealing with cheating, Paul Harrison, associate dean of student services said better communication between teachers and students has helped stem cheating at UBC.

“Pay more attention to first trying to help students understand what the expectations are of working in an academic community,” he said.

Students risk their reputations

College students, including students at Langara, are resorting to cheating to obtain a higher GPA

By MELANIE GREEN

Langara students who pay someone else to write essays on their behalf run the risk of being reported to the college for cheating—by the very person they hired.

John Smith, who asked not to be identified by his real name because he recognizes the moral hazard, is the head of a service in which students can pay for academic essays to be written. These services, known as ‘paper mills,’ are a multi-million-dollar industry across North America.

Smith said one of the biggest issues for students using ‘paper mills’ is that they sometimes get reported to their schools if they refuse to pay.

Smith said that many Langara students come to him for his service.

Maggie Ross, chair of the judicial committee at Langara, said ghostwriters report students frequently, but that doesn’t seem to deter students from cheating.

“Punishing people doesn’t change the culture,” Ross said, adding that the main reason students cheat is that they’re desperate.

“Most students are trying to cheat to get ahead, they’re not cheating because they’re completely lacking in integrity or they’re evil people.”

Smith, a PhD philosophy graduate who began writing cheat papers in 2009 when the economy crashed and his skill

sets were not employable. Now, he has 10 writers on staff.

“The service has become increasingly popular,” said Smith. “The system of education standards are lower, more students are being accepted into university, and above all the system is depriving the professors to hold students to an academic standard.

“That is one of the driving forces for the demand we have now.”

Pritesh Heer, an international business student at Langara, said he struggled with the temptation to cheat, and cheated once before.

“The course fees are so high, and I was in no position to pay for it again,” he said about his tuition. “Everyone is doing it, they’ve been cheating and never been caught and pass with flying colours.

“Why can’t I?”

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PRITESH HEER

LANGARA BUSINESS STUDENT

Fall back this weekend for daylight savings!



Bike share expanding territory

Mobi is looking to broaden its horizon and develop bike sharing stations in the South Vancouver area

By CHELSEA POWRIE

After having been left out of the first phase, South Vancouver is now going to be part of a Vancouver bike share company, Mobi — they are just unsure when.

Currently, Mobi stations are focused in the downtown core and West and East Vancouver. There are no bike stops, where users pick up and return rides, available south of Mount Pleasant. However, Mobi’s target fleet is 1,500 bikes, leaving plenty of room for South Vancouver to be part of the action eventually, though not immediately.

“We’re at about the half-way point right now,” said Mobi general manager Mia Kohout. “There’s no exact time when [a South Vancouver expansion] may happen.”

For students, Mobi’s price plan makes more sense than other bike rental options in the city. A one-year membership, which costs \$129 plus fees, gives the user unlimited 30 minute rides. Day passes are also available for \$7.50. In comparison, English Bay Bike Rentals charges around \$38 for a day.

Chris Melican, an employee at English Bay Bike Rentals, said that although they sometimes see locals renting bikes, it is rarely on a long-term basis.

“We get mostly tourists going sight-seeing,” said Melican.

Harmandeep Kaur, a general studies student, thinks Mobi would be great for Langara students given the state of the local buses.

“The number 49 always says, ‘Sorry, the bus is full,’” Kaur said.

RULES of Mobi

- 1 You can ride a Mobi bike outside of the service area.
- 2 Mobi bikes cannot be taken on a bus, skytrain or ferry.
- 3 You have to be 19-years-old or older to use Mobi, 16 to 19-year-olds need permission from a parent

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STUART NEATBY photo

According to TransLink, the No. 49 bus is the most overcrowded in Vancouver, often leading to students being passed up.

TransLink makes big changes

TransLink removed Champlain Heights from No. 49 route in June

ROUTE changes

- 1 Extended N8 and N20 buses to Marine Drive Station.
- 2 Shifted some peak period trips from the No. 41 to No. 43 Express.

Source: Transit Network Review
<http://TransLink.ca>

By STUART NEATBY

Metro Vancouver’s most overcrowded bus route implemented changes earlier in the year in an attempt to improve service, but not everyone along the way is satisfied.

TransLink removed the Champlain Heights detour from the No. 49 bus in June. Despite the changes, full buses still pass students during peak hours.

Sadul Singh, a continuing studies student at Langara College who rides the No. 49 bus east, estimated that he still gets passed by buses once every five times, but indicates the service is better than before.

“Buses are quicker, and less crowded. When the semester started, it was very difficult to find a seat. But now,

more often you’ll find a seat,” he said.

Chris Bryan, TransLink’s media relations advisor, said in an email that passengers along 49th Avenue now have improved service as a result of the change.

“Transit planning just makes a lot more sense when you can make as many straight lines as possible. You have more consistent service and you cover more distance more efficiently,” said Bryan.

But Champlain Heights resident, Judy Szonyi, has seen an increase in the commute home from her workplace by 10 to 15 minutes.

The No. 26 bus, which runs less frequently, is the new, main line for the neighbourhood. Szonyi believes the changes have increased commuting times for seniors and low-income fami-

lies.

“To make it harder for them to get around, when that’s probably their only form of transportation, is reprehensible,” she said.

The change is part of the Mayors’ Council transit plan, which is facing a funding shortfall.

Gordon Price, former director of The City Program at Simon Fraser University, said that TransLink is struggling with chronic underfunding from the provincial government.

Adding buses adds considerable costs. Price also said that large capital projects like SkyTrains consume a disproportionate amount of transit funding, despite increased ridership on buses.

“The lowly bus doesn’t get respect,” he said.

Develop-ment may hit a stop

Conservation group makes last-minute push against an industrial park

By JENNA TYTGAT

The Burns Bog Conservation Society is making a last-ditch effort to halt a development in the bog.

The society is hoping to convince the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission to turn down an MK Delta Lands Group proposal to develop an industrial park on just over 40 hectares of the bog, even though the development has already been approved by Delta council.

The society is urging residents to write letters to the commission, and potentially Metro Vancouver later on, if the commission passes the project.

MK Delta owns roughly 202 hectares of Burns Bog; four parcels of land. MK Delta has offered to give more than 121 hectares of Burns Bog for conservation purposes in return for roughly 40 acres for develop-

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ment.

“[The Burns Bog Conservation Society doesn’t] think it’s right. If MK Delta was really keen on protecting the environment, they would offer up all four pieces of land,” said Aliya Khan, communications and research assistant at the society.

Teresa Cooper, director of communications for MK Delta, said the choice to develop that part of Burns Bog was careful.

“We were looking at two different pieces of property to develop, and ... we had encouragement from all levels of government for the piece of property that was chosen,” she said. “That piece of property was chosen because it had the least environmental impact.”

The conservation society doesn’t agree with the trade-off that Delta council accepted. Andrea Frustaci, president of the Ladner Business Association, says he knows the conservation society has good points, but feels MK Delta has explained why their solution is the best.

“I think just the location is prime for that kind of development. There’s not a lot of land out in B.C. anymore in the Lower Mainland that can be used for this stuff.”

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New director must be right fit

Leadership role created to make advances for aboriginal studies

By EMELIE PEACOCK

Langara College is taking extra care in its search for a director of aboriginal education and services, a new position created in May.

The idea to hire a director was inspired by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the college's deepening relationship with the Musqueam First Nation.

Ian Humphreys, provost and vice-president academic and students, said the hiring process for this position is unique.

"We are consulting with our elders, making sure that we are getting input from people who are familiar with issues around aboriginal education," he said. "It's probably one of the [most] complex searches the institution has ever undertaken."

Linc Kesler, director of UBC's First Nations House of Learning, said long appointment processes are common.

"Particularly when it has to do with aboriginal positions, that have an aboriginal focus, I think it's always good to plan that it may take a bit longer because the number of people who have relevant experience and very solid qualifications in many fields is very limited," said Kesler.

One of the roles of the new director will be to provide more learning opportunities for the aboriginal studies department as well as other programs.

Some of these developments started in September, including the reconciliation carving series and courses in the nursing faculty focused on health in First Nations communities.

Eugene Boulanger, a member of the Dene Nation, from Tulit'a in the Sahtú Region of Treaty 11 territory, says the aboriginal studies program is preparing him for a future role in his local aboriginal government.

"I feel really supported as an aboriginal student," Boulanger said. "I just feel that increasing accessibility of the stuff that we're learning in our program for all the students is an important step in reconciliation. So I'd like to see more concrete action on Langara's part."

No exact date was provided for the appointment of director of aboriginal education and services.



EMELIE PEACOCK photo

Langara's totem pole, carved by Haida artist and Langara student Don Yeomans in 1979.

Bylaw revisions a must for LSU

Provincial legislation regulating not-for-profit groups has been updated to encourage transparency

By BONNIE LEE LA MADELEINE

As the newly elected Langara Students' Union representatives slip into their new roles, at the top of their agenda will be the revision of LSU bylaws — which outline how the LSU serves and communicates with its membership. The body must update its bylaws within the next two years as new provincial legislation goes into effect Nov. 28.

The new Societies Act will be replacing the old Society Act, and a notable change in the legislation is the need to digitize a society's bylaws.

"Like the constitution, the consolidated bylaws should be in electronic format," stated a document from the B.C. Registry Services.

In a written statement, B.C.'s Ministry of Finance said the changes were made to address priorities like flexibility, public accountability and member protection.

On Oct. 3 the LSU board ordered its general manager, Desmond Rodenbour to draft a new set of bylaws that will, in keeping with the resolution, "clarify and expand member rights with regard to access to LSU records." His draft will be presented to the new council at its first meeting.

While it is not known precisely what changes will be made to the bylaws, there has been speculation that the LSU will work to improve its relationship with the college and expand member access to documents and budgets.

At the All Candidates Forum in the LSU Building last Thursday, candidates were asked about the LSU bylaws and upcoming revisions.

Saman Barring, a second-year business student and council member hopeful, said the LSU lacks accountability and transparency.

"Students should know where there money is going and how [the LSU] is spending it," he said.

Studentcare coverage leaves students confused

Few Langara students know about new deal between Studentcare and Rexall Pharma Plus

By CAITLIN O'FLANAGAN

A new partnership between Studentcare and the Rexall Pharma Plus went largely unnoticed by students at Langara College.

The latest health insurance perk, which started in September, offers students a 20 per cent discount on specific Rexall brand products and up to \$40 of coverage on over-the-counter and prescription medications.

Students are still covered at other pharmacies but there will be higher out-of-pocket costs.

However, many students were unaware of the new pharmacy network plan — or, as it turns out, much about Studentcare, which provides Langara students with health and dental plans.

Jovis Lau, a Langara university transfer student, said students do not take full advantage of their health benefits and Studentcare needs to provide a better breakdown of the coverage of-

ferred.

"It is very confusing to navigate, they don't give you enough information to access the right resources and the process of claiming is really confusing," said Lau.

While Langara students were sent a general email informing them of the new pharmacy deal, little information was available from either the student union or student health services.

Yaseen Mohammed, a pharmacy technician at the Rexall on 6580 Fraser St, said he believes in the importance educating students and newly immigrated Canadians about how pharmacies process prescriptions.

He said he sees value in providing discounts for students but he feels the need for a better system that teaches students about the policies.

"There needs to be a team, working in different sectors, to explain to students how things work," Mohammed said.

Rexall's director of communications and government, Derek Tupling thinks the new deal will be more helpful for students.

"We're excited about it," he said. "We think it's going to provide a great service for your students."

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PHARMACIST



CAITLIN O'FLANAGAN photo

Langara College students outside the health services office, on Oct. 31, 2016.



ALYSE KOTYK photo

Buskers play Sum 41 songs outside the Commodore Ballroom before the band's reunion concert in Vancouver, B.C. on Oct. 28, 2016.

Comebacks inspire nostalgia

Sum 41, and other hit bands from the past, are in the studio once again producing brand new music for their longtime fans

“*It's more about bringing back the memories*

KATHERINE LAW

LANGARA
ENGINEERING
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By ALYSE KOTYK

Sum 41, Simple Plan and Guns N' Roses are just a few of the biggest musical acts attempting a comeback with new music or a tour this year.

On Friday Oct. 28, Vancouver's Sum 41 fans lined up outside the Commodore Ballroom to be reunited with the punk rock band during its 2016 reunion tour, which also features music from their latest album *13 Voices*.

Deborah Holland, program coordinator for Langara's digital music production and singer-songwriter programs said that while reunion tours elicit nostalgia for fans, there's usually a one-track motive behind them.

“The number one reason bands do

reunion tours is money,” she said. “That's it, that's mainly why they almost all do it.”

Even so, Sum 41 fans were excited to see the band return to Vancouver. Emily Chin, 19, was one fan waiting in line outside the Commodore Ballroom on Friday night.

“I grew up listening to them,” she said. “They've been gone for a really long time and just kind of disappeared so it's nice to see that they're coming back with a new album and everything.”

Katherine Law, an engineering student at Langara, said that for her, reunion tours are about the sentimental value.

“It's more about bringing back the memories,” she said. “Listening to

them and hearing that they're coming back together would really bring back memories and also connect the community as a whole again for that kind of music.”

Holland echoed this and said that whether or not a band's motivation is the money, comebacks are effective because they remind fans of their teenage years.

“In a certain period in everyone's life usually from teenager through college, let's say, the music that you get attached to during that period of time is kind of like the soundtrack of your life,” said Holland.

“People usually continue to like the music that they liked during those formative years of their life.”

Film series a tradition at Langara

Fall film series encourages students to watch films for class in a group setting

By CLARE HENNIG

Throughout October and November, the English department at Langara is screening films as part of a decade-long tradition.

The film series is part of Langara's English 1130 class: modern novel, poetry and film. Students are required to watch various films and can choose to attend a screening of their choice, or watch on their own.

Erin Robb, an English department instructor and organizer of the film series, said although movies are easier than ever to access online, there are benefits to watching in a larger group.

“You get the energy of other people's reaction to the film,” Robb said. “When other people start reacting to it, you feed on that.”

Robb added that usually about 12 to 40 people show up, and she hopes advertising the event will lead to a wider viewership in the future.

Selina Chau, a student from English 1130, said she prefers to watch the films at home.

“It's easier watching it at home so you can Google [the parts you don't understand],” Chau said.

Chau attended last week's viewing of *Strictly Ballroom* anyways, two days in a row, as it helps her feel prepared for class.

Another student from the class, Neelam Prasad, said it was difficult to find the time in her schedule to watch the film.

“We said we'd watch it on our own time but we never did,” said Prasad. “You'd think it's easier to watch at home, but you don't end up watching it.”

For each week of the viewings, there was a different category of film: silent, classic, foreign and contemporary. The last screening for the series will feature *It Follows* on Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in room A136b located in A building.

“*You get the energy of other people's reaction to the film*

ERIN ROBB

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Jane Austen classic a hit at Metro Theatre

Amateur theatre company in South Vancouver celebrates a milestone

By LAUREN BOOTHBY

Director Joan Bryans hopes that Metro Theatre's November production of *Sense and Sensibility* will appeal to Jane Austen fans, and may draw in a new fan base.

For their 500th performance, Metro Theatre chose to celebrate with Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*. The play is being shown until Nov. 19, and features the lives of two sisters, Marianne and Elinor Dashwood, who are total opposites. The audience follows their search for a husband, while the young women react to social pressures put in place by society.

Bryans, who has been directing for over 20 years, said Austen has a time-

less appeal.

“People just love her. Hopefully we can persuade a few more people to see how good she is,” Bryans said.

Bonnie Herron, a member of the Jane Austen Society of North America Vancouver Region, does not need persuasion.

“She's funny. She's wicked. She makes you feel better when you're facing the reality that you [live] everyday in the modern world,” Herron said. “You can always read Jane Austen and everything's going to be okay.”

Bryans said adapting a novel to theatre can be difficult because there is no change of set.

“It's very filmic. The scenes move from one to another instantaneously, [and] immediately,” Bryans said of Jon Jory's adaptation from the book. Bryans added that she hopes the audience will get wrapped up in the story.

Abel Tewelde, may have never read Austen's books, but enjoyed the play so

much he may see the show again a second time.

“The story was really easy to follow,” Tewelde said. “The performances were good and I was captivated.”

Another audience member, Dan Reimer, said what stood out to him the most was the actors' use of the stage.

“Even though it was the same set, they were constantly able to [utilize] it using sound effects or different aspects of it. They used [the] special awareness that they had to their advantage,” said Reimer.

Published in 1811, Austen's comedy has lasted generations. Cassie Ledoux, who plays one of the lead characters Marianne Dashwood, said she loves the storyline.

“You take away the accents, you take away the costumes, the way the words are actually put into the script, and how they speak and the manners and everything, and it's just a love story,” said Ledoux. “Who doesn't love that?”

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Source:
metrotheatre.com



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Cassie Ledoux plays Marianne Dashwood in *Sense and Sensibility* at Metro Theatre.



SEAN HITREC photo

Shoppers at Granville Island look at the prices and quality while shopping for their produce.

Students shop smart

People practise staying healthy and free of debt

SMART shopping

- 1 Plan your meals before you go shopping.
- 2 Learn what the food prices usually are so you can look for sales.
- 3 Buy non-perishables in bulk when they go on sale.
- 4 Items at eye level often cost more, be sure to check out high and low shelves for similar items.
- 5 Shop around the sides of the store to find basic needs.

Source: healthlinkbc.ca

By SEAN HITREC

As the Welfare Food Challenge wrapped up its week-long campaign, students with a notoriously low budget are still having to find unique ways to cope with their situation.

Last month, participants in the Welfare Food Challenge had to live on \$18 worth of food for seven days, which is what people on welfare receive. The challenge was held to highlight how difficult it is to live on so little. Students usually have more money than that to spend on food, but they too have a limited budget.

Christa Siminiuk, a third-year nursing student at Langara, gets around \$4,000 a semester in student loans, so she tries to shop for deals by going to one place for produce and another for meat.

"It's always a source of contention every time I go get groceries," Siminiuk said. "There are cheaper places, but I don't have a car, so I find that for me, Donald's [Market] is the best for pro-

duce and nofrills [for meat]." Bill Hopwood, an organizer of the Welfare Food Challenge, said there is a balance between eating cheaply and eating well.

"A lot of people talk about food in Vancouver, so, at one end you have organic free range, locally grown, which is great," Hopwood said. "At the other end you have people eating survival food. The two conversations don't often cross."

For Dave Schwartz, a second-year criminal justice student at Langara, finding good deals on food is not a priority. Schwartz said he is too busy to shop economically.

"I work too much outside of [school], so it's usually just food on the go," Schwartz said. "I just get the stuff I need and whatever price it is, that's the price."

For dietary help while living on a budget, students can call 8-1-1. It is a free B.C. government nursing and dietary hotline. Healthlinkbc.ca also has a page on eating on a budget.

Comfort food craved

Winter gloom brings cravings of carbs, and students plan how to stay fit during the coming chilly season

By KRISTYN ANTHONY

As the cold moves in and the stress of the end of the semester looms, Langara students are planning for ways to stay healthy over the winter.

According to a study published by the New England Journal of Medicine, people start to put on weight in the late fall, eating comfort foods and staying at home more often.

"With the seasons changing, we naturally want to build that extra layer of fat to essentially keep us warm," said registered holistic nutritionist Patty Javier Gomez.

Choosing meals with fresh produce, coupled with regular exercise, are the best means for fighting the winter blahs and stress of exams.

Gomez said it's common to crave salt and carbohydrates when experiencing high stress but choosing omega-3's or nuts and seeds over highly processed snacks, is key.

"Stress affects us on a biological lev-

el," Gomez said. "If you're stressed when you're actually eating, your digestive system starts to malfunction and you're not actually breaking down all the nutrients you need. In turn, that suppresses your immune system."

Ali Afshar, a kinesiology student at Langara, credits his program with helping him work out the challenges of eating a well balanced diet. With the absence of sun this time of year Afshar also supplements with vitamins to maintain energy and focus.

"I try to adopt a plan that will help me overall," he said. "It's really important to cook for yourself. First semester here I tried to eat out a lot. It's not healthy, it's expensive and it doesn't make sense."

Psychology student Comfort Avavio said she craves "sugary" foods in the winter. To offset those choices, she said she opts for a more fun, at-home approach to working out.

"Me and [traditional] exercise don't mix," she laughed. "But, the Nintendo Wii -- I exercise a lot with that."

Gomez encourages students to buy in bulk. Freezing items and batch cooking soups or stews are good shortcuts to cheap, healthy meals, particularly for those on the go. She warns against starchy, comfort foods often on sale this time of year.

“With the seasons changing, we naturally want to build that extra layer of fat

PATTY JAVIER GOMEZ
HOLISTIC NUTRITIONIST



KRISTYN ANTHONY photo

Students hide from the rain as the gloomy season starts.



KRISTYN ANTHONY photo

Students come in from the cold, head straight for the cafeteria Tim Hortons.

Young women empowered through South Van leadership program

Teenage girls are learning how to strengthen their leadership skills

By CHELSEA POWRIE

Sunset Community Centre is encouraging leadership and social responsibility in young women with its current program, I Am Girl.

On the last Thursday of each month this from September-December, girls ages 13 through 16 attend Sunset Community Centre to get involved in leadership projects, with the last meeting planned for Dec. 29. The girls organize

and operate food and clothing drives, among other fundraisers. These activities develop their leadership skills and help them become active members of the community.

Jyoti Shukla, a Langara graduate, helps coordinate I Am Girl. She was part of the team that created it, with the aim of meeting a need for girls' programming at the community centre.

"We felt like there was a lot going on for boys," Shukla said. "We want to mentor young girls and let them come up with their own ideas of what they want to work on."

Most recently, the group has hosted a Halloween bake sale, the proceeds of

which will go toward their Christmas hamper project to support single mothers.

Maureen F. Fitzgerald, a gender diversity advisor and feminist author, believes these types of programs help raise a conscientious and strong generation of women who are not held back by gender stereotypes.

"We tend to drive our leadership model around what I would call more masculine skills. We must ask how we can create a system that embraces more feminine values, like collaboration and caring," Fitzgerald said. "Any focus on girls and doing leadership is a good thing," she said. "Women are valuable,

feminine traits are valuable, and women don't need to be controlled."

For Shukla, the importance of the program is the evidence of the girls' hard work. She has had girls come forward with causes they want to support that are deeply personal, such as a member wanting to support liver cancer research after her father was diagnosed, or senior members wanting to buy prom dresses for girls who couldn't afford them.

"We want [the girls] to think about what they really want to do, the issues they care about," Shukla said. "Even though you're young, it doesn't mean you can't do anything that matters."

“Feminine traits are valuable, and women don't need to be controlled

MAUREEN F. FITZGERALD
GENDER DIVERSITY ADVISOR

Sports create community

Whether participating on a team or simply being a dedicated fan, sports have the potential to impact lives and develop communities.

As people from all over the world flock to Vancouver, the city becomes more of a cultural mosaic. Moving from Montreal or Malaysia, there is an inevitable desire to be part of the city. Does going to a Vancouver Canucks game make you more of a Vancouverite? Does cheering on the B.C. Lions at a local bar make you more attached to your new city? It just might. If anything, the experi-

ences can introduce a part of Canadian and Vancouver culture to someone new to the area.

"We are all Canucks," is a slogan that does not say much, yet people are still drawn to it.

Sports teams provide a unified sense of self by connecting us to something bigger.

Not everyone loves sports, of course, and there are many other ways to acclimatize to a new place. Sport does, however, transcend culture, due to the variety of people who appreciate it all over the world. Just consider the numerous countries that compete in the FIFA World Cup.

Another example of sport transcending culture is the simple fact that Hockey Night in Canada is broadcast in Punjabi, from a studio in Vancouver, as it demonstrates the melding of two cultures to create something new and meaningful.

I have seen firsthand the community that sports provide players and their families in my time coaching a baseball team for children with disabilities. Support systems are developed for families who face similar daily challenges; all while cheering on loved ones at the ballpark.

Sports are essential to many people's lives, as they help individuals learn how to work together, and grow strong, diverse neighbourhoods. Sports will continue to be a vital part of our community, and it is hard to see their impact diminishing anytime soon.

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Sorry, stubborn riders

The No. 49 bus route is the most overcrowded bus in Metro Vancouver, according to a TransLink spokesperson. It's easy to blame the transportation system, but riders share a significant portion of the blame themselves.



OPINION
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TransLink is aware of the overcrowding, and have recently cut out a portion of the route to make it more direct. What it has no control of, however, is the poor habits of its passengers.

The bus is the main route for Langara

College students who live to the east of the college, or for those commuting in from the SkyTrain. It's also one of the main busses going to UBC, and as such, it is busy west-bound in the mornings, and east-bound in the evenings.

On my morning commute to Langara from Fraser Street, I have far too often had a "SORRY, BUS FULL" fly past the stop I had been waiting at. On more than a few occasions I have managed to chase it down—some clever bus drivers stop a few metres away from the line so that they can unload without letting anyone on. I hop into an open backdoor, leaving behind the poor souls diligently waiting in line (this may not be entirely legal, but a compass scanner is at those doors to tap in on).

It is clear that drivers do this

because they understand rider habit. Even though the same amount of people who unload could, ideally, be allowed on, the stubborn refusal of riders to move to the back leaves it impossible to pack any more riders into the front.

To my knowledge, not many others have attempted the backdoor trick—which may be impossible for elderly or disabled people—but it has a higher success rate than simply waiting in line as bus after bus go by.

Unless TransLink starts encouraging riders to board by the backdoors, or people onboard actually start shuffling along at each stop, would-be passengers of the No. 49 will be unceasingly doomed to stand and watch as half-full buses drive past.

"If only there was a door leading to the empty space at the back."



VERONNICA MACKILLOP and CHANDLER WALTER comic

Definition of cheating needed

A revision of the academic conduct policy at Langara College will only be effective in eliminating the increase in cheating if there is a collaborative effort to increase communication between staff and students.

It may come as a surprise to Langara students that the number of reports of academic misconduct at the college had doubled from 2014 to 2015. Langara, however, isn't alone in experiencing a cheating epidemic on campus, and has taken steps to address this in recent meetings.

According to surveys and official reports on academic misconduct in colleges and universities nation-

wide, 73 per cent of students in Canada were found to have cheated in high school, and 18 per cent cheated on tests during their college undergrad.

What are the parameters around academic misconduct, and how are they enforced? Is the definition of "cheating" obvious to students? The problem will not be resolved by revising academic policies alone, it will also require an interactive system that addresses the underlying reasons why students cheat. In this way, instruc-

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There is too much grey area around what cheating is to ever make it a black or white issue

tors and professors may have to come up with new ways to further engage in this discussion with students.

The pressure to succeed in a currently stagnant economic landscape can lead to a sense of desperation in many students, and may encourage some to cheat. At the same time, this pressure can be seen as an excuse to engage in cheating, and this can create a sense of dishonesty among students and instructors.

Unfortunately, there will always be instances of academic misconduct; cheating will never disappear. There is too much grey area around what cheating is to ever make it a black or white issue.

By examining the current system and engaging with students who may be struggling, however, instructors and staff at Langara can continue to make the changes necessary to understand and reduce the desire to cheat.

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Taking the pulse of youth voters

How the changing political landscape in Canada and the U.S. is affecting young voters



JAKE WRAY photo

Justin Trudeau addresses the crowd at a campaign stop in South Vancouver during the lead up to the federal election in 2015.

U.S. election raises student interest

Canadians are engaged in the U.S. election, and it's raising their interest in politics north of the border

By CLARE HENNIG

The upcoming American presidential election is increasing Canadian students' interest in politics.

As Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton battle for the U.S. presidency, Canadian students are engaged in the entertaining and controversial race.

Paul Prosperi, head of the political science department at Langara, said it seems there is more awareness of U.S. politics than Canadian politics amongst students at Langara.

"One hopes that Canadians' interest in politics in the United States helps increase awareness of political issues and perhaps interest in our own political system," Prosperi said.

Prosperi conducted a short poll in his introductory class to gauge awareness amongst his students of U.S. politics compared to Canadian politics.

"I asked my students to name the leader of the opposition in this country or name the leader of any of the other major parties," he said.

"Everybody started laughing. Nobody had any difficulty in this class pointing out who the Republican nominee was for president or the Democratic nominee."

The issues brought up in the U.S. campaign debates are relevant and important to citizens on both sides of the border.

John Bay, a second-year accounting student at Langara who just moved back to Canada from California, said he is affected by local issues such as housing and plans to vote in next May's provincial election.

"I've been away for six years and it's scary to live here. I was born and raised here but I can't afford to live here."

Bay says U.S. politics are entertaining, but Canadian issues are more pertinent to him even if the politics are "boring."

Youth engaging more in politics

Youth vote up 18.3 per cent in last year's federal election, but some experts say the rise may be a blip

VOTING facts

1 53.8% of Canadians voted in 2011, the second-lowest turnout in history.

2 In a poll of non-voters, 54% said they would vote if they could do it online.

3 Non-voters in Australia face a AU\$20 fine.

Source: conferenceboard.ca

By TANNER BOKOR

Voter apathy among youth in Canada is on the decline as young people are finding new ways to engage in the political process.

According to Elections Canada, in the last Canadian federal election, youth voter turnout increased 18.3 per cent from 38.8 per cent of registered voters aged 18-24 in 2011 to 57.1 per cent. Total voter turnout also increased by 7.6 per cent to 66.1 of eligible Canadian voters.

Terri Evans, an urban studies professor at Simon Fraser University, says the way that millennials engage with civics isn't necessarily in the form of casting a ballot.

"Young people participate in other ways that are beyond the ballot box that give them more of a sense of connection with their effort and the result, that gives them a sense of immediacy, that they might rally for specific causes that they may see as really urgent to themselves," Evans said.

"I think that will eventually translate to participation at the ballot box, but some of this will come with the life cycle," she said.

In a report by Samara Canada – a non-profit group that encourages public engagement in the democratic process – youth voter apathy in Canada is on the decline. According to the group's research conducted after the 2015 federal

election, 92 per cent of youth aged 18-29 felt that they had a stake in the issues being discussed, and, for 49 per cent of respondents, that they had a social obligation to vote.

David Moscrop, a UBC PhD candidate in political science, says the turnout this cycle is more of a bump than a trend, and that we should expect turnout to cool in the next election.

"Change elections inspire people, they mobilize people. Status quo elections don't," Moscrop said. "The more comfortable people are with the state of their democracy; you'd expect that turnout would be reflected higher. But actually, they tend to stay home, as they consider that the stakes are lower."

Broken vows cause voter remorse

Some disgruntled voters feel Trudeau not doing enough in his first year in power

By JESSICA PURVER

One year after the Liberal government won a majority in the federal election, voters have mixed feelings about the future of Canada's political landscape.

Of the 219 promises made by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his cabinet in their first year in power, only 34 have been met. While he has made gains in welcoming Syrian refugees and advocating for women's rights, implementing imported gun regulations and other promises have gone unmet so far.

For Langara pre-med biology student and NDP voter Jessica Adamson, these broken promises hit home.

"I wanted Harper out," she said. "The promises that Trudeau and his government were making were something that

I thought he believed in."

Adamson said she no longer trusts the current Liberal government. In addition to moving forward with construction of Site C in northeastern B.C., she said Trudeau hasn't addressed issues like the diesel oil spill in the Heiltsuk Nation, or the lack of funding for First Nations health and education initiatives.

"At least when Harper was in government people were very critical and paid attention to what he was doing," she said. "But with Justin, people dismiss it and don't look above the surface."

Christine Fedusiak, a Liberal voter and aboriginal studies student at Langara, was initially attracted to Trudeau's progressive standpoint.

"It's supposed to be the people's government," she said. "And it seems like

people aren't happy."

When it came to indigenous rights and pipelines, Fedusiak would like to see professional mediation involved.

"These are broken treaties and broken promises and the government is trying to reconcile with aboriginal people, and they're doing the opposite."

Despite this, Fedusiak believes Trudeau's advocacy of feminism and health care funding are good first steps.

"I think Canada takes a long time to move [and] everything is slow," she said. "But changes happen."

Langara grad Matthew Houben is ambivalent. "We live in a lesser-of-two-evils system," he said. "Anyone of Liberal leanings criticizing Trudeau should just remember how they felt two years ago as a kind of balm, [but] that doesn't mean he shouldn't be criticized."



Courtesy of JESSICA ADAMSON

Hereditary chiefs protest for an LNG injunction filing at the Federal Court on Granville Street on Oct. 27.



BALA YOGESH photo

The women's soccer team played a tough game against the Capilano Blues, and ultimately lost the bronze in a penalty shootout.

Falcons miss out on bronze

Langara women's soccer team falls to Capilano in PacWest final

By BALA YOGESH

“We're not worried for next year

RYAN BIRT
LANGARA WOMEN'S SOCCER HEAD COACH

The Langara Falcons lost the bronze medal to the Capilano Blues in the women's PacWest Provincial Soccer Championship by a score of 2-1 on Saturday afternoon. The outcome of the match was decided by penalty kicks as the Falcons, who were trailing the Blues after the first half, evened the game in the 60th minute when Giulia Repole scored the equalizing goal. The Falcons entered the match against the Blues after a tough loss to the VIU Mariners on Friday. Mariners' Rachel Jones scored a goal in the final

minutes of that match to lift her team to a 2-1 victory. Ryan Birt, the head coach of the Falcons, said the bronze medal game was tough to play because of the previous day's loss. “It's a big emotional let-down. You know the fact; I'm totally convinced that we outplayed VIU in that game. The goal that they scored to win the game is a very controversial goal.” Birt said their goalkeeper had the ball, and a VIU player “smashed into her,” interfering with her ability to defend the net. Then VIU scored. “We'd been dominant in the game up to that point, and I thought we were

the better team on that day,” he said. Falcon player Anastazia Ziros said her team hoped for more in their final PacWest game. “I think we were expecting more of a win,” Ziros said. Until the championships, Birt said the Falcons had a good season. “The top four teams that made the provincials are all quite equally matched,” he said. “I think the girls did very well. “We're not worried for next year,” he said. “These guys will need a bit of downtime. “You got to have some time away and let things sink in.”

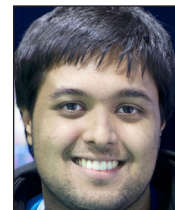
ESports encourage comaraderie

League of Legends world championship viewing party draws crowd from all across Lower Mainland

By MICHELE PAULSE

Howls of support and disappointment rang out at a viewing party in a Richmond badminton hall, as video game fans watched two teams compete in the League of Legends world championships in Los Angeles, on Saturday. Clubs from Langara College, UBC, SFU, BCIT and Douglas College co-hosted the party so that their communities could watch teams SK Telecom and Samsung Galaxy in the final round of the championships together. “A lot of people can't go to the actual event,” said Mathew Nguyen, a Langara eSports executive.

“We wanted to experience the environment of the actual event where there's hundreds of people, thousands of people, all screaming [and] cheering for their teams. We wanted to recreate that,” he said. The UBC eSports Association held viewing parties in past years, but this year invited other post-secondary to organize the event, attended by approximately 250 fans. “The viewing party itself is important on its own because it's the world finals; the most important match of the largest game in the entire world. League of Legends is the most played and possibly most viewed game in the world,” said Victor Ho, UBC eSports president.



KUBLAI BARLAS
League of Legends coach

“[It's] a way to bring the community together instead of having people sit at home

Kublai Barlas, a League of Legends coach, was at the event on Saturday and thinks that viewing parties offer a good social opportunity.

“[It's] a way to bring the community together instead of having people sit at home,” Barlas said.

“They can meet some pro who are around to come to the events and they can hang out with like minded people,” he said.

There were more men than women there, but that didn't stop Linh Dinh from cheering until she was hoarse.

“We're screaming whenever our team scores, and that makes me feel like I'm linking to people. I also see other girls. It's not just me as a girl gamer,” Dinh said.

Fans waved glow sticks as they cheered on their teams and broke for snacks during intermission, mingling and talking amongst each other. SK Telecom won 3-2.

Falcons' Tally	
WOMEN'S SOCCER W-D-L 6-2-6 Ranked: 04	MEN'S SOCCER W-D-L 1-2-9 Ranked: 05
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NEXT GAME Nov. 5, 7 p.m. at CBC	MEN'S BASKETBALL NEXT GAME Nov. 7, 5 p.m. at CBC

Team acclimatization tricky business



CHERYL WHITING photo

Vancouver Canucks fans go to watch their team play on Oct. 29 against the Washington Capitals.

Moving to a new city or country leads to difficult decisions about team loyalties for newcomers

By CHERYL WHITING

When people move to a new city, they may adopt the city's sports teams as their own, which can help them connect socially, but can also complicate things when interests or team loyalties lie elsewhere. John Russell teaches sports philosophy at Langara College and has published a paper challenging the notion of loyalty to sports teams. “Our allegiances to sports team are accidents of geography, usually. What these teams provide is an opportunity to participate in a narrative of a community and in the narrative of a team that's a big part of that community,” he said. Russell said it can be difficult for people coming to a new place to acclimatize to a new sports team, especially if they are loyal to another team.

Lydia Dani moved from Alberta a few months ago to study at Langara. She is an Edmonton Oilers fan, and said she does not see that changing quickly. “I'm still attached to [the Oilers],” she said. “If I went to a game of the Canucks and the Oilers here, I would be rooting for Edmonton.” Karan Gosal is an international student from India. He knows little about hockey, but would like to attend a Canucks game. “[My friends and I] are new to Canada. We don't know about the games over here. We have been here for eight months,” Gosal said. “I'm planning on watching an ice hockey game. “My friend [saw one]. I also want to go, I find ice hockey very interesting.” Russell said that he feels that sports can encourage community, but being too loyal to a team can cause problems. “These allegiances are not benign,” he said. “There are sometimes riots. The partisanship contributes to tribalism, [and] that is a mixed bag morally. It does encourage community, but community can be oppressive,” Russell said.